

Weedon Parish Council

Clerk to the Council Mrs Ruth Millard

Minutes of a Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held in The Chapel on Wednesday 20th July 2016 at 8.00pm

Open Forum for Parishioners: (under adjournment)

66/16 Attendance: Cllr Joanna Rose, Cllr Tom Jameson-Evans, Cllr Wendy Kett,
Cllr Mark Talbott, Cllr Stephen Gradley
Clerk - Ruth Millard

Apologies: Cllr Justin Sellers, Cllr Nigel Winnett, District Cllr Ashley Bond County and Cllr Netta Glover who said that she may be late for the meeting.

67/16 Members Interests: Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Weedon Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011. None declared.

68/16 Approval of Minutes; To agree and sign the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held on 27th June 2016 as an accurate record.

69/16 Finance & Accounts.

a To agree financial statements of accounts and bank reconciliations for the end June 2016.

RESOLVED

b To draw cheques for this meeting and ratify cheques drawn since the last meeting. **RESOLVED**

c To agree the new NALC Salary Scales for 2016-18. **RESOLVED**

Accounts May/June 2016

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|3205 | 26.05.2015 | | 28718.67 |
|7936 | 26.05.2016 | | 1000.00 |
|3205 | 30.06.2016 | | 27933.34 |
|7936 | 30.06.2016 | | 1000.00 |

Income May/June 2016

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| 9 th May 2016 | Bank Interest | | 1.05 |
| 9 th June 2016 | Bank Interest | | 1.29 |

Invoices July 2016

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| OPUS, July 2016 , invoice 60577559 | LGA 1972, sched. 14 para 34 | DD | 64.35 |
| Quality Garden Supplies , invoice: INV-3016 | LGA (misc Prov) 1976, s19 | 1360 | 74.40 |
| Lynch Garden Services , inv; 4570 & 4571 | LGA(misc prov) 1976, s19 | 1361 | 337.50 |

RESOLVED to pay all presented invoices.

70/16 Planning.

a. No applications pending

b. Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan draft. Cllr JR reported that she attended the meeting at AVDC. They have now produced a draft document for comments. JR asked the question, 'Should the Parish Council respond to the draft VALP? **RESOLVED**; that the Parish Council should respond. **Action**; that a working party would meet and discuss the VALP & the PC response, in first week in August. An extraordinary meeting would be held the second week to approve the response.

District Cllr Netta Glover arrived and gave her report.

71/16 Environment. To report and discuss any issues arising.

a. **Footpaths, Footways and Highways**, including

i. Speed Control MVAS; Cllr MT reported that he hadn't downloaded the units for 2 months and they were still in working order, but almost at the end of the battery life.

ii. Fortescue track gates. T J-E reported the gate should be delivered and fitted by the 25th July.

iii. JR reported that a bollard had been knocked down at the bottom end of New Road. She had taken a photograph of it and would forward it to the Clerk, to report to TfB.

iv. It had been reported to WK that the fenced off footpath on Aston Abbotts Road was overgrown. **Action**; WK would contact the landowner and ask him to clear it.

v. WK reported that 2 footpath gates needed slightly adjusting. **Action**; MT offered to adjust them.

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- b. Street lighting – nothing to report
- c. Play area
 - i. ROSPA inspection – discussion and action. The play area has had its yearly inspection by a Rospa affiliated contractor. There are a few low risk items to attend to, mainly loose fittings and divots under the mats, where the soil has compacted. The Parish Council has a contractor dealing with them.
 - ii. Backfilling of gaps under grass mats – update. This item has also been itemised on in the inspection and is being dealt with by a contractor.
 - iii. A parishioner reported that because there is no catch on the gate by the noticeboard, a small child can open it. RESOLVED to arrange for a catch to be fitted on the outside of the gate where a small child cannot reach it.
- d. **Pond, Grass, Hedges and Verges**, including
 - i. Pond. Discuss works to date, and next steps. Cllr TJ-E reported that the new duck house was being well used. The old one will be removed after the end of the nesting season.
 - ii. Grass-cutting of verges and Village horticultural. Report of the quality of work and report any problems. The Council discussed the work on the verges. It has been a very wet season this year and it would seem that the contractor is struggling to keep on top of his work. The Clerk said that other contractors are having the same problems. **RESOLVED**; to monitor the situation.
 - iii. Street sweeping/removal of weeds in pavement-road gully. This work has already started with 2 contractors physically scrapping the weeds out of the gullies and brushing the rubbish up.
- e. **Management of the Weedon Graveyard**
 - vi. Tree management. RESOLVED to deal with the remaining trees that need some husbandry in October.
 - vii. Cllr JR reported that the administration documents are now on the website. Ralph Followell had queried whether the Parish Council actually owned the Graveyard, the documents have been amended to read that the Parish Council has a 99year lease for the management of the graveyard. RESOLVED; to honour all deposits made before the Parish Council became the responsible body.
- f. **Best Kept Village competition 2016**. The Parish Council is waiting for the results.
- g. **52 Aston Abbotts Road**; JR reported that the Manager visited the café. The girls living in the home have offered to do some volunteer work in the village and have been asked if they would like to make a cake or help in the café. They will let JR know before the next café event.

72/16 Communications. To review content and report any issues.

- a. Website; Cllr JR gave a report about the website being 'tablet' unfriendly. She proposed that she contacts Chris Race and requests a quote to update it. **RESOLVED**
- b. Parish magazine; article for September edition to include an article thanking everyone for their help over the judging period, in keeping the village tidy
- c. Annual PC newsletter; JR reported that she would get a quote for the printing of the Annual Newsletter

73/16 Correspondence and communications including reports on Local Area Forum and training courses

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 05.05.2016 TfB Spring/Summer Conference• 13.05.2016 Planning Event for the Parishes• 13.05.2016 Local Area Funding 2017/18• 13.05.2016 Updates from AVDC• 13.05.2016 Tesco capital funding to improve green spaces in communities• 19.05.2016 New Salary Scales 2016-18• 26.05.2016 Local Council Meeting invitations to air views on Developing Unitary Business Case by BCC• 14.06.2016 LAT changes | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 19.06.2016 Aylesbury Vale Transport Users Group• 20.06.2016 VALP• 22.06.2016 Police and Crime Commissioner survey - seeking views on policing and crime• 22.06.2016 News from AVALC• 22.06.2016 Consultation for the Buckinghamshire County Council Local Flood Risk Management Strategy• 01.07.2016 Parish Devolution - Ongoing Actions• 04.07.2016 VALP Presentation 13 July 2016 The Oculus• 07.07.2016 Re: AVDC Roadshow |
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RESOLVED; that the correspondence was noted

74/16 Date of next meeting. To agree the date – provisionally Wed 21st September 2016 in The Chapel

The meeting closed at 10.10 pm.

Chairman's Signature Date.....